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Sent: 3/21/2016 9:26:26 PM

To: Tennis, Rachel [Tennis.Rachel@epa.gov]; LEE, LILY [LEE.LILY@EPA.GOV]

Subject: RE: CID mtg tomorrow after 10:30 am? - FW: Confirming tomorrow morning - RE: NBC news airs Hunters Point Naval

Shipyard contract worker who claims he was ordered to hide radiation

When we know the time, I'll participate if available. Otherwise go ahead without me.

John

From: Tennis, Rachel

Sent: Monday, March 21, 2016 2:20 PM

To: LEE, LILY <LEE.LILY@EPA.GOV>; Chesnutt, John <Chesnutt.John@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: CID mtg tomorrow after 10:30 am? - FW: Confirming tomorrow morning - RE: NBC news airs Hunters Point

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Yes, please. What time is the call? Dusty called me earlier and told me it was happening at 2 today, when I couldn't attend. I am available now and for the rest of the day. Thanks.

Rachel Tennis

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From: LEE, LILY

Sent: Monday, March 21, 2016 2:12 PM

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Do you want to participate also?

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From: LEE, LILY

Sent: Monday, March 21, 2016 2:11 PM
To: Green, Jay-M < Green, Jay-M @epa.gov>

Cc: Adair, Scot < Adair, Scot@epa.gov>; Shine, Katherine < Shine, Katherine@epa.gov>; Adair, Amy < Adair, Amy@epa.gov>;

Minor, Dustin < Minor. Dustin@epa.gov>

Subject: Confirming tomorrow morning - RE: NBC news airs Hunters Point Naval Shipyard contract worker who claims he was ordered to hide radiation

I am available tomorrow morning after 10:30 am. I will be working from home because I need to take leave in the afternoon from 1:30 pm onward, but I can call in. Let me know what works best for you. Thanks!

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From: Green, Jay-M

Sent: Monday, March 21, 2016 1:13 PM **To:** LEE, LILY < LEE, LILY @EPA.GOV>

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Subject: RE: NBC news airs Hunters Point Naval Shipyard contract worker who claims he was ordered to hide radiation

Lily (and All),

Heft you a voicemail message as well. We would like to meet and discuss this matter with you. Depending on your and Dusty's schedules, we could meet this afternoon – or tomorrow in the mid morning (after 10:30 am)?

Let me know. --Jay

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From: LEE, LILY

Sent: Saturday, March 19, 2016 5:19 PM **To:** Green, Jay-M@epa.gov>

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Subject: RE: NBC news airs Hunters Point Naval Shipyard contract worker who claims he was ordered to hide radiation

Dear Jay,

In 2012, the Navy's internal quality control process caught anomalies in the soil samples before the Navy completed reports and sent them officially to the EPA or other regulatory agencies. So no decisions were made based on the falsified data. Tetra Tech then conducted an internal investigation and reviewed 70,000 soil samples. It found 2,300 that showed discrepancies from expected qualities. Tetra Tech then resampled many of these and discovered some areas actually more contaminated than previous samples would have suggested. Tetra Tech then excavated in three more locations. Attached are excerpts from the full report.

The Navy told EPA verbally on March 16, 2016 that Mr. Smith, featured in the news segment, was not part of the previous investigation. They stated that the investigators tried to reach him but were not successful. So the previous investigation did not include any input from him.

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From: Green, Jay-M

Sent: Friday, March 18, 2016 7:06 PM **To:** LEE, LILY < LEE, LILY @EPA.GOV>

Cc: Adair, Scot <Adair.Scot@epa.gov>; Shine, Katherine <Shine.Katherine@epa.gov>

Subject: Re: NBC news airs Hunters Point Naval Shipyard contract worker who claims he was ordered to hide radiation

Lily,

I saw this the night it was aired. Let's talk next week. I am curious if the sampling data that was falsified was also sent to EPA Region 9 pursuant to Superfund or and AO?

Anyway, I will catch up with you next week. Have a great weekend!

--Jay

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 17, 2016, at 2:52 PM, LEE, LILY < LEE.LILY@EPA.GOV > wrote:

Dear Jay,

I would like to call you to share some more information about this item in today's weekly:

NBC news airs Hunters Point Naval Shipyard contract worker who claims he was ordered to hide radiation

Last week, NBC news featured a former Tetra Tech EC contract employee at the Hunters Point Naval Shipyard Superfund site who "claims supervisors ordered him to hide radiation." He stated that he was told to replace potentially contaminated soil samples with clean ones, hide potentially contaminated soil into open trenches, and falsify records. Since 2012, the Navy discovered questionable Tetra Tech EC practices, some related to these claims. The company has redone work. EPA and other agencies have reviewed that new work to ensure protectiveness. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission, which oversees Tetra Tech EC's license for radiation cleanup, issued the company a Letter of Apparent Violation last month and is considering escalated enforcement action. The Navy and several other agencies are also investigating the allegations that are new. Region 9's press office has prepared a desk statement in case of public inquiries. The article is at this

link: http://www.nbcbayarea.com/investigations/Former-Hunters-Point-Worker-Claims-Supervisors-Ordered-Him-to-Hide-Radiation-371723561.html. (Lily Lee 7-4187, Jackie Lane 2-3236)

In addition, as further background, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and California Department of Public Health (CDPH) oversee the licensing of radiation cleanup service providers, such as Tetra Tech EC, Inc. In case you had already heard this yet, as referenced in the NBC news article, the NRC, after concluding its investigation of Tetra Tech at HPNS, recently issued a notice of apparent violation and is considering escalated enforcement action. Attached is the NRC letter to Tetra Tech.

- Lily

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